

Denies JFK

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A California broadcaster who District Attorney Jim Garrison charges conspired to kill President John F. Kennedy said today in North Hollywood the whole thing is "probably a case of mistaken identity."

Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, denied any connection with the assassination. He became yesterday the second man charged by Garrison with participating in an assassination conspiracy, the other being Clay L. Shaw of New Orleans, who faces trial in February.

BRADLEY SAID TODAY HE BELIEVES the charge

is a case of mistaken identity because he was questioned by FBI agents about three years ago and was told they were seeking another "Gene Bradley" whose description didn't fit his.

Meanwhile, the DA's office set the legal wheels in motion to have Bradley brought back to New Orleans for prosecution.

An "at large" arrest warrant was issued today for Bradley, and Criminal Sheriff Louis Heyd Jr. said he telephoned Sheriff P. J. Pitchess of Los Angeles County,

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advising him that a copy of the warrant would be sent by mail.

Asked if he expected Pitchess to apprehend Bradley on the basis of the telephone call, Heyd said:

"THAT'S UP TO HIM."

Heyd said Garrison's office had advised him that Bradley lived "in the greater Los Angeles area, that is, North Hollywood."

"He (Bradley) is the one who talked to the news-papers," Heyd said.

If he is arrested, Bradley may either return voluntarily to face the charge or fight extradition. He indicated today he would do the latter.

"If Garrison is going to press trumped-up charges, he'll have to be prepared to prove them," Bradley said.

ALTHOUGH GARRISON IS IN Los Angeles, Bradley said the DA has made no effort to contact him.

Bradley said today he was in Texas the day the President was shot to death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, but

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was in El Paso, 621 miles away.

The warrant said bond for Bradley had been set at \$10,000. This will stand unless Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff, to whom the case has been allotted, orders it lowered.

On learning of Garrison's action against him, Bradley said:

"This man is either being highly paid to do this or he's off his rocker."

Bradley told the States-Item today he came to New Orleans for the only time in his life in April of this year.

"We were just passing through. We had been to see my son who is in college in the South and my wife wanted to see the French Quarter. So we drove back through New Orleans. We didn't even spend the night. We did some sightseeing and went on."

"WE WENT THROUGH Dallas, too, on our way home," he said.

Garrison, Bradley said, has not tried to reach him, although he is listed in the North Hollywood phone book.

Bradley has been married for 27 years and has a son, 19, and a daughter, 21.

ON NOV. 22, 1963, he said, he was in El Paso returning home by bus from a visit with his employer, Dr. Carl McIntire, a syndicated radio broadcaster and president of the American Council of Churches, a small, ultra-conservative organization opposed to the National Council of Churches.

Bradley would not say where the meeting with Dr. McIntire took place.

"Certain individuals who have been trying to frame me for five years because I work with Dr. McIntire," he said, might have planted information about him with Garrison. He was recently questioned by an FBI agent, he said.

Bradley said he knows nothing

of any plot to kill Kennedy but "I'd like to find the person who did it if it wasn't Lee Harvey Oswald."

The Rev. Dr. McIntire issued a statement at his church in Collingswood, N. J., this afternoon, saying, "Garrison's charge is irresponsible, unsupported and wild. We know of no basis for any such accusation against Mr. Bradley, whom we know to be a very fine Christian gentleman.

"The whole development is preposterous. Oswald and Ruby are dead. Garrison, for some weeks, has been talking about a 'right-wing conspiracy.' This attempt to involve us in the assassination plot leads me to call immediately for a full investigation of Mr. Garrison's conduct, and particularly his sources of information, by responsible state officials."

Bradley said McIntire has been described as a right wing broadcaster, but I'm neither a right-wing extremist or a left-wing extremist. I don't belong to a thing and I don't know anything about Garrison or the Kennedy affair."

He said he learned of Garrison's charges when a newspaper called him. Los Angeles law enforcement officials say they have received no warrant or request for Bradley's arrest.

Bradley said he had never met Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby, the man who killed Oswald in Dallas two days after the President was slain.

Garrison gave no background on Bradley when he filed a bill of information in New Orleans making the charge. However, a photo of Bradley was given out with the announcement.

"It looks like a rather recent photo of me but I don't know where they got it," said Bradley, when he saw a transmitted print. "The suit I have on in the picture is only a year or so old."

A BILL OF information is a method of filing a charge which does not involve the grand jury. Garrison used the same method when he first charged Shaw. Later, Shaw was indicted by the grand

jury.

The Shaw indictment charged him with conspiring with Oswald, David William Ferrie and "unnamed others" to kill Kennedy.

The Bradley charge did not name any of the "others" allegedly in on the conspiracy. It said he "did willfully and unlawfully conspire with oth-

ers to murder John F. Kennedy."

"LIKE CLAY SHAW, Mr. Bradley's name did not come up in the federal 'investigation' of the assassination nor is his name mentioned anywhere in the 26 volumes of the Warren Report 'inquiry' into the case," the Garrison announcement said.

Garrison, registered at a Los Angeles hotel under an assumed name, declined comment.